

New NAE Cities Index info and Citizenship Day Campaign

NAE is planning to launch Year 3 of the Cities Index on September 17, 2020, which is also Citizenship Day. The Index measures immigrant integration through local policies and socioeconomic outcomes across the 100 largest cities in the U.S (see [last year's ranking](#) here). **This year, both Virginia Beach and Norfolk scored in the Top 10 of our socioeconomic category, with Virginia Beach increasing their socioeconomic ranking to be one of our most improved cities.** We would love for you to help us lift up Virginia cities' successes, celebrate newly naturalized citizens, and encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Here's what you need to know about Virginia cities in this year's Index:

- In this year's Cities Index, **Virginia Beach** improved its overall ranking, moving from #78 to #55, with an overall score of 2.85 out of 5.
- **Virginia Beach** is also tied for #2 in our Top Socioeconomic Scores. They were one of our most improved cities jumping from #10 in the same category last year. The city receives distinction (a score of 4 or 5) in the categories of Job Opportunities, Economic Prosperity, Livability, and Civic Participation.
- While **Norfolk** saw a drop in their rank from last year, the city tied for #7 in our socioeconomic category. The city receives distinction in the categories of Economic Prosperity, Livability, and Civic Participation.